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Applicants submit the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed, with the exception of U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications.

The present application is the U.S. national stage of PCT/JP2004/009617. Copies of the corresponding International Search Report and English language translation were submitted in the present application on December 23, 2005.

JP 2003-513633A, which was cited on the International Search Report, is written in the Japanese language. The International Search Report and enclosed English language translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability are provided as a concise explanation of the relevance of this document, in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.04(a)(III).

Applicants note that AU 7335196 A; CA 2236113 A1; CN 1207123 A, B; EP 1 325 960 A2; and HK 1018287 A1 are patent family members of EP 0 864 645 A1, submitted herewith. Copies of these patent family members of EP 0 864 645 A1 are not enclosed.

Applicants note that AU 200046146 A, CN 1355851 A, EP 1 186 667 A1, and KR 2002014786 A are patent family members of WO 00/70070 A1. Copies of these patent family members of WO 00/70070 A1 are not enclosed.

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CN 1357044 A listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 is not enclosed, as this document is cumulative of the enclosed WO 00/70055 A1 publication. WO 00/70055 A1 is written in the Japanese language; an English language translation of this publication is also enclosed.

A copy of Japanese Patent Application No. JP 7-509616 A1, written in the Japanese language, is enclosed. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 6,040,174 (cited on the Form PTO-1449) and Japanese Patent Application No. JP 7-509616 A1 are national stage applications of PCT/FR94/00624. The specifications of these references are therefore identical. An English language translation of the claims of Japanese Patent Application No. JP 7-509616 A1 is also enclosed.

A copy of WO 97/16171 A1, which is written in the Japanese language except for an English language abstract, is enclosed.

A copy of WO 00/27430 A3, which is written in the German language except for an English language abstract, is enclosed.

Japanese Patent Application No. JP 10-506542 A1, Hatanaka, M., ed., <u>Uirusugaku</u>, <u>Asakura Shoten</u>, pp. 247-248 (1997), and International Application Publication Nos. WO 97/16538 A1, WO 97/16539 A1, WO 00/09700 A1, WO 00/70070 A1, WO 03/025570 A1, WO 03/092738 A1, WO 03/093476 A1, WO 03/102183 A1, and WO 2004/038029 A1 are written in the Japanese language. English language translations of these documents are also enclosed.

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